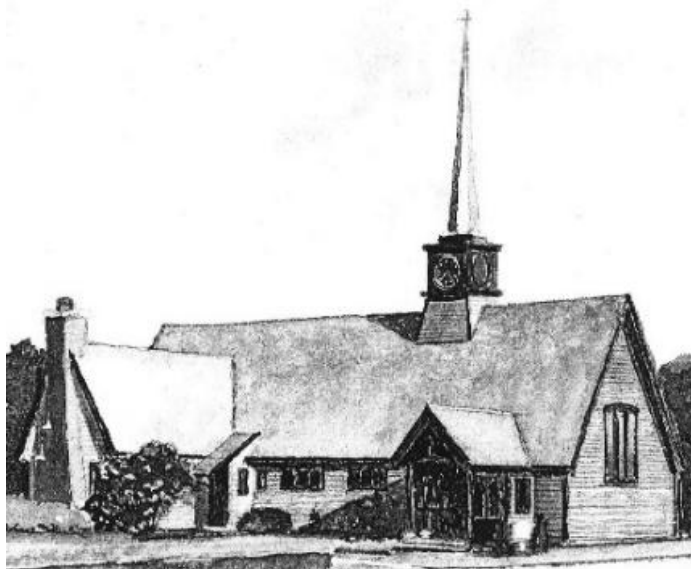




THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST

AUGUST 9, 2026, 9:00AM

Christ Church Episcopal

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The Rev. Dr. Libby Catania, Celebrant

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Vestry

Sandy Allard, Mary Ellen Eichmann, Wardens; Lisa DeLong, Treasurer; Elaine Mason, Clerk
Janet Cassidy, Jennifer Lutz, Deb Schwabe, Cathy Walsman, Members

Sharing Christ's love in the world and creating a nurturing place for all.

*All spoken texts for this liturgy are contained within this printed Service Bulletin; people's parts are in **BOLD**.
Hymns are found in The Hymnal 1982 (blue, hardcover) or Wonder, Love, and Praise (green, softcover)
in the pew rack in front of you. Additional music will be included either printed in the Bulletin or on an Insert.
Service Music, designated by "S", is found in the front section of The Hymnal 1982.*

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Beginning on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Prelude Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring Johann Sebastian Bach

Hymnal 376 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee Hymn to Joy

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymnal S-280 *Gloria in excelsis* Robert Powell

The Collect of the Day

Presider: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Genesis (37:1-4, 12-28)

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say,

‘Let us go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b *Read responsively by whole verse*

1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon
his Name; * make known his deeds
among the peoples.

2 **Sing to him, sing praises to him, ***
and speak of all his marvelous
works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; * let the hearts
of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

4 **Search for the LORD and his strength;**
*** continually seek his face.**

5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of
his mouth,

6 **O offspring of Abraham his servant, ***
O children of Jacob his chosen.

16 Then he called for a famine in the
land * and destroyed the supply of
bread.

17 **He sent a man before them, ***
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

18 They bruised his feet in fetters; *
his neck they put in an iron collar.

19 **Until his prediction came to pass, ***
the word of the LORD tested him.

20 The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him free.

21 **He set him as a master over his**
household, as a ruler over all his
possessions,

22 To instruct his princes according to
his will and to teach his elders
wisdom.

45 **Hallelujah!**

A Reading from Romans (10:5-15)

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”
Amen.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymnal 435

At the name of Jesus vv. 1-4

King’s Weston

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (14:22-33)

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

The Rev. Dr. Libby Catania

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People – Form IV

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The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Episcopal Church.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Churches of the Mystic Valley Deanery: St. Paul's Church, Lynnfield; St. Paul's Church, Malden; Grace Church, Medford; Trinity Parish, Melrose; Bishop Alan M. Gates African Ministry Center.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for George Arsenault, Chris Axner, Deborah Aylesworth, Judy and Larry Ballantine, Sam Bennett, Ennis Bragg, Ann Brown, The Carlin Family, F. T. Clark, Bette Comet, Beau Coursen, Sidney Coursen, Laura DeCaprio, Steve and Solange Foster, Amelia Goodfield, Betty Hadfield, Nancy Hardiman, Pat Hart, Paul Horvath, Randy Joiner, Bradley Jugler, Cindy Jugler, Pat MacKinnon, George MacMasters, Paul Madonna, Stephen Mazzur, Marc Pleva, Ron Ruggiero, Amie Ryone, Stephen Shuart, Kathleen Vogt, Dianne Wade, and Debby Waugh; and for those we name now, either aloud or in the quiet of our hearts.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Wendy Fournier and Abbie Horan, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds the concluding Collect.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unit of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Presider pronounces the Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of God be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Invitation for those celebrating a birthday or anniversary to come forward for a blessing.

Offertory Now Thank We All Our God (Organ Improvisation) Becket Senchur

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic “A” BCP p. 361

Presider: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Hymnal S-125 Sanctus Richard Proulx

The Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It has been made ready for those who love God and for those who hope to love God more. So come if you have been here often and come if you have not been here long. Come if you have followed and come if you have stumbled. Come because it is the Lord who invites you. It is Christ's will that those who seek him will meet him here at His table. These are the gifts of God for all the people of God.

Please follow the Usher's guidance to come forward and either kneel or stand at the altar rail, as you are able.

First, the priest will place the wafer/bread (gluten-free available) in your outstretched hand. The Eucharistic Minister will then offer you the cup (containing wine), from which you are invited to sip. If you prefer, you may carefully intinct (dip) the wafer in the cup. If you are unable or prefer not to receive from the cup, simply cross your arms over your chest and the Eucharistic Minister will say the words "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation" in front of you. Please be assured that no matter how you receive – bread and wine, bread or wine only, or spiritually, you will receive the full grace of the Sacrament. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament today, you are invited to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a Blessing in the name of the One God.

Post-communion Prayer *in unison*

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Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Loving God, we thank you for your infinite care during our 100 years as Christ Church. May we continue to be guided by your presence to proclaim your love to the world, both near and far. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

attributed to Henri Frederic Amiel (1821-1881)

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you now and always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Hymnal 636

How firm a foundation

Foundation

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

The Heavens Are Telling

Franz Joseph Haydn

For this week again, we are delighted to welcome Becket Senchur back as our guest organist!
Thank you for your musical gifts, Becket!

*The Memorial Candle was given in memory of Cherry Short Lee
by Kam Anderson.*

Announcements

On Sunday, August 16th at our 9:00 am service Clyde Parrish, grandson of Penny Gilbert, will be baptised. Other members of Clyde's family will be in attendance and we welcome all.

Thank you to those serving today

Lisa DeLong, lector/intercessor; Sandy Allard & Meg Pappas, greeter/usher;
Kam Anderson, Lay Eucharistic Minister; Betty Ann Waldo & Marilyn Connelly, coffee host(s)
Mary Ellen Eichmann, flower delivery
Elizabeth Salomé, Deborah Aylesworth, Leslie Meier, Altar Guild servers

Those serving on August 16

Janet Cassidy, lector/intercessor; TBD, greeter/usher;
Bill Walsman, Lay Eucharistic Minister; Jennifer & Bill Lutz, coffee host(s)
Cathy Walsman, flower delivery
Elizabeth Salomé, Deborah Aylesworth, Leslie Meier, Altar Guild servers

News & Noteworthy

Dates of Note

- Tuesday, August 11, 12:00pm – Last date for donations for the Silent Auction
- Tuesday, August 11, 4:15pm – 100th Anniversary Planning Committee
- Friday, August 14, 11:00am – Lobster Roll Lunch and Silent Auction begins
- Sunday, August 16, 10:30am – Vestry Meeting
- Tuesday, August 25, 4:15pm – 100th Anniversary Planning Committee
- Saturday, August 29, 3:00pm – Silent Auction ends
- Sunday, August 30, 10:30am – Happy 100th Birthday Party (outside) – Cake and Ice Cream, Music and Silent Auction winning bids announced

Building Use – Outside Groups

- Saturdays, 7:30pm – AA meeting in Parish Hall
- Saturday, August 15, SHYC Parking - 11:00-4:00pm
- Saturday, August 15, Del Mar Turnover Trailer – 7:00-9:00am/3:30-5:00pm

Ongoing

- Tuesdays, 12:00pm – Book Lovers' Gathering; the current book is "The Mysterious Case of Rudolph Diesel" by Douglas Brunt.

Office Hours

- Week of August 9 – Tuesday-Friday, 10:00am – 2:00pm

100th Anniversary

- 100 Acts – Please continue to note your acts of kindness on a tag and hang them on the branches of our “tree.” Our goal is 100 acts of kindness. Examples: cooked a meal for someone that was ill, gave a violin to a promising student, pastoral visit with flowers, helped a woman at Stop ‘n Shop who called out for help from the motorized cart. Her wallet had fallen to floor and she couldn’t reach it, neighbor’s groceries- a surprise.

Noah's Ark Thrift Shop

- We are having a great summer in the shop! Spring and Summer clothing are flying out the door! As the summer goes on, are you finding you have some clothing you haven't worn and no longer need? Please consider donating these items to the shop please! Of course, other donations are also happily received as well!
- **Treasurer Needed:** Julie Kraft has been the Noah's Ark Thrift Shop Treasurer for the last few years and she has done a terrific job! She feels it is time for her to retire so we need a replacement (although no one can really replace Julie!). The job doesn't take much of your time. It requires picking up the money that is collected when the shop is open and deposit it into our account at TD Bank in Harwich Port. This DOES NOT have to be done every week - it will be at the discretion of the Treasurer. The other job is sending in tax money into the State and believe it is quarterly and Julie assures us that is a very easy task! Also you will need to keep track of deposits and expenses (only purchases we have are Rada Knives, magic cloths and pricing tags and stickers). We are in the process of getting a debit card that Sheri will keep and place orders for us when we request her to do so. Julie will be available for training and answering questions as they come up. Please consider helping out in this capacity or if you know someone who would be willing to take over this position, please let either of the following people know:

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